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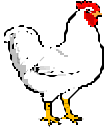
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was overall mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best for restaurants, fast food, and active retail ads; however, movement for Mother's Day was mixed with some locations disappointed in limited interest and others showing improvements. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared. Seasonal delivery problems were noted due to truck shortages. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Dark meat was close to tight, wings were readily available, and breast items were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	55.00-76.00	68.08	28
New York	71.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	60.00-80.00	73.69	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
992	69.94-76.10	74.12

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,395
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	5,695
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,351
THIGH MEAT - B/S	101.00	996
LEG QUARTERS	37.00	6,849
WINGS	84.50	2,948

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Offerings of all sizes were limited, as producers were noted as generally cleaned up for weekend. Increased problems with trucking were reported with the advent of seasonal shipment of more perishable product begins. Movement was light to fairly good, best into restaurants and fast food for Mother's Day activity. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade activity was limited and light as current commitments and earlier trade were sufficient for weekend needs. Offerings were light to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items and about steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment entering the holiday weekend was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and active retail ads, with mixed reactions for Mother's Day movement. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat remained in the strongest position with supplies in balance to short and held with confidence. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still readily available, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged prices on whole body product. Offerings were fair to adequate with small sizes in the closest position. Buying activity increased to cover last minute Mother's Day needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory to light weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on dark meat items and steady to barely steady on white meat items.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged about fair to moderate entering the Mother's day weekend. Offerings were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Distributive movement was at least moderate. Food service demand was at least moderate to good. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items ranged adequate to ample for current needs. Dark meat cuts were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at best fair, and was generally noted as disappointing preceeding the Mother's Day Weekend. Heavy rains and cold weather in some terminal markets was putting a damper on overall buying interest. Offerings were adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were readily available at some points.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.99
NO. OF BOXES	7,819
CUMULATIVE	
05/02/05-05/06/05	74.87
05/03/04-05/07/04	81.40
NO. OF BOXES	
05/02/05-05/06/05	40,744
05/03/04-05/07/04	36,347

MAY 05

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 06

POUNDS**WTD POUNDS****WEEKLY**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	781	120.00-205.00	122-125	128.91	720	120.00-145.00	122-125	126.81	3,656	126.38
TENDERLOINS	247	152.00-189.00	155-160	160.26	295	150.00-207.00	155-160	157.43	1,171	160.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-91.00	84-86	85.14	88	82.00-87.00	83-85	84.66	392	84.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				247	73.45
LEGS	63	51.00-58.00	-	52.37	73	51.00-58.00	-	53.14	340	51.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	35.00-40.00	36-37	36.60	575	35.00-40.00	36-37	36.59	2,895	36.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,145	36.00-43.00	38-39	38.24	1,015	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.24	5,630	38.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	369	71.00-96.00	81-83	85.04	281	71.00-88.00	80-83	81.26	1,465	82.67
WINGS (CUT)	449	88.00-100.00	96-99	97.07	462	88.00-100.00	95-99	97.50	2,011	97.16
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				68	56.00-58.00	-	56.24	336	54.97
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				155	53.13
B/S THIGHS	105	94.00-110.00	-	102.19	TOO FEW TO REPORT				464	102.97

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR MAY 05, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

52.50 - 58.50

55.25

52.50 - 59.50

55.80

54.80

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but noted as no better than moderate. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate for current needs. Tenders were readily available and competitively priced. Wings were fully adequate. Leg quarters, drumsticks and thighs in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Distributive movement was fairly good. Food service demand was at least moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat lines. Breast items were generally steady. Wings were cautiously steady to barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 05, 2005

MAY 06, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD				WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	140	141.27	605,040	140	138.62	793,160	139.53	3,387,450	
TENDERLOINS	155-160	157.70	173,760	155	155.80	131,000	156.63	631,356	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	93.52	117,760	82-83	92.05	103,400	92.38	542,440	
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.83	84,840	82	82.26	90,520	82.14	455,200	
LEGS	52-53	55.79	161,720	52-53	53.82	203,280	53.19	939,500	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.51	714,840	38-39	39.01	271,840	38.14	1,993,160	
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	49.96	134,720	42-43	44.40	172,800	44.88	737,480	
THIGHS	42-43	52.40	74,400	42-43	51.02	80,710	49.95	398,950	
B/S THIGHS	102-103	94.33	64,800	102-103	100.55	109,680	97.62	490,980	
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	91.46	131,760	82-83	88.04	176,760	88.84	776,500	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	13,680	10-12	11.92	17,000	11.79	92,880	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.07	17,240	35-40	30.69	14,200	31.36	83,160	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.17	20,400	45-50	50.47	21,560	48.94	124,720	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WT	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED			
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)		POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS			
	05/06	05/05	05/04	05/03	05/04	05/03	04/29	04/27	RANGE
Alabama	3,943	4,070	3,802	4,005	5.25	5.30	4,422	5.22	FRESH FRYERS 97-99
Arkansas	5,364	5,474	5,402	5,387	5.11	5.16	5,802	5.11	ROASTERS 4# & UP 99-107
Delmarva	2,190	2,287	2,270	2,285	5.67	5.70	2,358	5.57	HENS UNDER 5#
KY-LA-TN	2,118	2,209	2,125	2,155	4.98	5.03	2,529	4.95	HENS OVER 5# 65-73
Mississippi	3,999	3,142	3,076	2,999	5.64	5.69	3,098	5.83	DUCKS
North Carolina	3,113	2,538	2,449	2,448	6.51	6.59	2,662	6.56	RABBITS-WHOLE
Texas	2,856	2,590	2,507	2,517	5.23	5.36	2,505	5.33	RABBITS-CUT UP
Total	23,583	22,310	21,631	21,796	5.43	5.49	23,376	5.45	
Mon-Fri	111,698(A)						110,596(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-May-05 and 07-May-05 is estimated to be 35,283,000 head up 0.58 percent from a week ago and up 12.75 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 35,078,000, last year 31,292,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 07-May-05 is estimated to be 162,052,000 head down 0.42 percent from a week ago, and up 3.15 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,731,000, last year 157,101,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY				RANGE
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS				
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK			105-107
	DRY PACK			105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK			108-111
	DRY PACK			111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK			89-93
	DRY PACK			89-95
DUCKS				180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 23-Apr-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	28,432	19,382	53,241
Avg Weight	3.74	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%

Comparisons

Last week	27,465	18,311	53,607
Avg Weight	3.69	4.62	6.31
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%

Same week, yr ago /2	27,951	20,023	48,392
Avg Weight	3.60	4.80	6.29
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%

To date/2005	442,045	332,424	771,641
To date/2004	419,494	350,330	705,710

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 30-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152	514
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42	6.77
Last week	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Same wk yr ago	157,894	1,299	1,385	2,684	449
Avg Wt	5.30	3.35	8.24	5.87	6.65
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821	8,589
To-date/2004	2,610,991	22,057	21,605	43,662	7,819

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.7 million head, or 1.4 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MAY 03, 2005

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.25	Leghorn Roosters	2.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.10	Pigeons	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .40	White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .45	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80 - 1.90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.45
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	3.00 - 6.75 ea.
4-6 LBS	.50 - .90	Guinea Pigs	.35 - 1.75 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .70	Kid Goats	45.00 - 60.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 1.90		
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50 ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.	Total Coops Sold	512

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 02-MAY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices higher for whole fresh and frozen birds and all parts except boneless/skinless breast which were lower. Trade sentiment fully steady. Demand was very good for everything except boneless/skinless breast which was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to in balance. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 02-MAY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March	26 153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April	2 156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
	9 159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
	16 160.0	166.2	96%	5.27
	23 163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
	30 164.7	166.1	99%	5.46
Year to date	2703.9	2769.1	98%	
May	7	166.1		
	14	166.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	05/07/05	04/30/05	% CHG	05/08/04	% CHG
Broilers	162,052	162,731*	-0.42	157,101*	+3.15
Cattle	656	622	+06	686*	-04
Hogs	1,850	1,918	-04	1,843*	0

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to fairly good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to ample. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for sufficient offerings of light hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady on salvage values.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower with majority prices higher as more spent hens were received by rendering operations. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	7-8

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-APR-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate to full Offerings adequate.

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